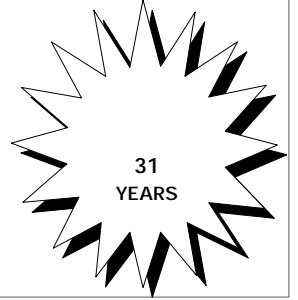




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**Barnhart's Day in the Garage, Ypsi Funkahna
MG 2006 Gatlinburg, Tennessee**

**Rowdies Birthday Party, July 29
Griffin's Fall Meet, Belleville, Sept. 9**

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Rowdies Calendar of Up Coming Events



July 8, 2006

Mad Dogs & Englishmen: Hickory Corners MI

July 9, 2006

Cincinatti British Car Show: Cincinatti, OH

July 29, 2006

Rowdies Birthday Party: Oakland, MI
Steve & Cathy Holliday host

August 4, 2006

Clarkston Concours in the Park: Clarkston, MI

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September 9, 2006

Rowdies Fall Meet: Belleville, MI
Neil & Thelma Griffin host

September 9-10, 2006

Watkins Glen Vintage Races: Watkins Glen, NY

September 10, 2006

Battle of the Brits: Sterling Heights, MI

September 16-17, 2006

Bronte Creek British Car Show: Toronto, ON

Rowdies Calendar cont.

October 14-15 2006

American British Reliability Run

December 9, 2006

Rowdies Christmas Party: Philip & Jan Wiltshire host

Mark your calendars now!

February 3, 2007

Rowdie Business Meeting: Rockford, MI

Mac & Joni McDonnell host

Please visit the NAMGAR website for other MG events. www.namgar.com

Cover Photo: Mark Barnhart and Dog Butcher double-up at the Ypsi Funkahna in May. Mark posted the second best time of the day. Dave Goeddeke photo

Corrections: In last months Tech Tips we should have credited Gordie Bird, not Gordie Smith (who the hell is he?) for his suggestion.

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Deadline for submitting material for the next issue is: August 15

Members Page

Neil Griffin recently received medical treatment an atrial (?) fibrulation (sounds scary). He's okay now, but keep him in your thoughts and prayers anyway.

Rowdies Website

Steve Mazurek, Webmaster

URL: <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/michiganrowdies/>

Ed. Note: If you haven't checked out our website lately, stop in and visit. Review past issues of A-Antics (in color!), enjoy the many photos of GT-30 in the gallery (ah... the memories). If you have suggestions, like starting a photo gallery of member's cars, or more Tech Tips (I could use some submissions for the A-Antics, too), we can add it to our website.

Mac McDonnells Database Report

1 new members since January 1, 2006.

77 Active and paid-up members.

74 % NAMGAR members.

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Chairman's Chatter

by Gordie Bird

This month, I'll be taking the Chatter 'on the road'. We've planned a 4-day

1000-mile trip to Gatlinburg for MG2006 and it might be fun to chronicle the adventure as it unfolds. Since it was decent weather when we left, Steve & Cathy Holliday joined us in their '58 1500 and left the BGT in the garage.

Sunday the weather report was for an increasing chance of showers with rain in Michigan for sure. Pulled out at 8:30am and figured we could outrun the rain. We did, but it was mighty hot. Traveling east on 250 in Ohio, we were looking for a likely spot for lunch. It took 2 hours before we finally saw a restaurant with a beer sign. Turns out this watering hole was the local VFW (Army-Navy Garrison in Ohio) and one must be a member to enter and imbibe. Well, we were hot, thirsty, and hungry, and after all, I am a veteran. We banged on the door until it was answered and pleaded our case. The door closed and I think they had a vote of the members present because pretty soon the door opened and we were welcomed in. The pitchers of beer were \$4 and the good size burgers were \$1. A huge pile of fries was fifty cents! They said if we left a card we could get in again. We gave them several cards. We covered 300 uneventful miles with both cars running well. I did manage to jam my bonnet down at a gas stop. Fortunately I had done this before and had the solution. Arrived in Saint Clairsville, Ohio thankful to have an air-conditioned room.

Monday morning dawned overcast with occasional showers. The rule is: If it's not raining when we start, the hoods stay down. Well, it was pouring by the time we left, so hoods were erected. Fortunately the rain only lasted a couple of hours, and although still threatening rain, we had to put the hood back down. Drove some great roads. If you ever have the opportunity, take 800 from Fly, Ohio (on the river) anywhere north. SR 255 is another one that is a great drive, although it could use a resurfacing. If you like country music, just

south of Saint Clairsville is the Jamboree in the Hills, billed as the Superbowl of country music. After crossing the Ohio River via ferry at Fly (a tradition), we took some local roads, SR 16 and SR 5, both of which are great driving roads. We saw a bit of commotion with a semi stopped and cars lined up behind. Seems this truck couldn't quite negotiate the tight corner and chewed up ½ of a telephone pole. Lunch-time once again found us in search of a suitable venue, and upon querying one of the locals in Glenville, WV, discovered the only place in the area was a hotel restaurant that was right on our way. The lounge was closed, but the staff was only more than happy to open it for us. Started to rain just before we were ready to leave, so delayed a few minutes. It was just sprinkling and so we left with top down and in only a few miles the rain had stopped, and it didn't start the rest of the day. One disappointment was WV route 19 as it was expressway-like, to Beckley. We arrived in Bluefield, WV without incident. We were somewhat shocked to walk into the bar and see about 15 couples on the dance floor. Problem was there was no music! Turned out to be a dance class. Steve was offered a free lesson but declined.

Tuesday June 20 dawned bright and sunny, although weather called for increasing chance of rain. We could see the clouds coming and had to get going to beat them. Pulled out of Bluefield just in time as the drops began falling. Stopped a while later and saw the clouds still trying to catch up, so pressed on. Stopped for lunch, and once again the clouds kept trying to overtake us. Finally after lunch, and on the Blue Ridge Parkway the clouds were nowhere to be seen. Beautiful drive on the Parkway, elevation to nearly 6000 ft and some incredible scenery. Met up with displaced Rowdies Brad & Kathy Dryden (Atlanta) in Asheville. The Dryden's arrived first and had the beer iced by the time we arrived. The temperature in Asheville was mid 80's upon arrival, which was quite a shock as it was considerably cooler driving in the mountains. Traveling the mountains is interesting. Going up hill, we have a hard time keeping up with more modern iron, but going downhill we catch up to all of them. We've traveled some great driving roads, both on and off the Blue Ridge Parkway. Not far from arrival in Asheville, my trusty 30-year-old Ray-Ban sunglasses broke at the frame, so I was out sunglasses.

Tuesday evening we all had a great dinner at the East

Chatter cont.

Village Grill, where we met Nick, the owner and self avowed "car guy". English beer and good food and company. We recommend the East Village Grill, located at US 70 and Blue Ridge Pkwy. As we were leaving, I pulled 3 more MGAs. We'd run across a Connecticut contingent making their way to Gatlinburg. After chatting for a while, they went in for dinner and we all were looking forward to the remainder of the drive to Gatlinburg. I needed some sunglasses and found some \$1 pairs at a local store. Not being able to decide which looked best, I bought 4 pair. The group got me to model each pair and made a decision for me on which to wear. After a swim and a few more beers we retired to prepare for the final leg into Gatlinburg and the Tail of the Dragon.

Wednesday June 21. Weather is supposed to be good with only a 20% change of isolated thundershowers. Off to Gatlinburg with 870 miles under our belt and about 200 to go. Shortly after entering the Blue Ridge Parkway we came upon our Connecticut friends so we stopped for chatting and some photo ops on this beautiful overlook. Always looking for the best place for a photo, I spotted this rock ledge across the street that looked about 10' high. As I started to climb, I realized it was closer to 20' up and the first 15' was a pretty sheer rock face. Not wanting to look stupid by turning around and going back, I proceeded to be stupid and climb. I've never rock climbed, but I did stay at a Holiday Inn Express, so off I went. I

made it, got the shot, but lost my reading glasses on the way. A few miles down the parkway was route WV rte 276, an incredible road down the side of the mountain. The park at the bottom (and the reason for the side trip) had a beautiful falls and a natural sliding rock. Yes, a 60' rock smooth enough to slide down and into a deep pool. I wanted to so bad, but the climbing incident was fresh in my mind, and the temp (air) was in the low 60's, so I passed. The falls were breathtaking and after sufficient photos off we went back up the mountain to the parkway. The Blue Ridge Parkway south of Ashville is absolutely stunning. We were up and down continuously and finally reached the highest elevation of 6053'. As I was looking forward to the driving the Tail of the Dragon, I saw a sign that said Gatlinburg, 15 miles. Hmm, must have taken a wrong turn somewhere. I glanced at my odometer and saw we had exceeded 1000 miles, so in to Gatlinburg we went. We'd have to do the Dragon another day. We arrived at the Glenstone Lodge with all cars and people intact about 2pm on Wednesday.

That was the trip to MG2006, and a great drive it was. I'll leave the story of Gatlinburg to someone else. Have you taken a trip in your MG lately? Why not write an article and share it with all of us? Until the next adventure.

Safety Fast!

Kathy & Brad Dryden, Tracey & Gordie Bird, and Cathy & Steve Holliday savor the moment at one of the high points (6055 ft.) of their trip to Gatlinburg.



MG 2006 Gatlinburg, Tennessee



Clockwise from top left: 1. Two of the four rare MG Airline Coupes at the show. This may have been the most of these cars in one place, ever 2. A third 1932 Coupe displays it's classic front profile. Sweeet! 3. Lloyd Herring enjoys a cool drink next to his car at the show. The weather was hot, but the 1200 MGs of all types that were entered were even hotter! 4. Gordie Bird's white Mk II stands out in the crowd of 63 MGAs at the car show. 5. One of the many attractive & unique cars in the "altered A" category.





Clockwise from above: 1. Gordie Bird & George Merriweather, NAMGAR Vice Chairman, enjoy the Friday reception despite a steady rain. 2. Cathy Holliday, Kathy Dryden & Tracey Bird are the MG girls all the way. They were among 21 Rowdies in attendance at MG 2006. 3. Dave Goeddeke, Kathy Nelson, Ken Nelson & Phyllis Goeddeke chat at the awards banquet on Saturday. 4. Gordon Maier and dad Herb Maier share a laugh as Gordon's wife looks on. I wonder where Gordon got the MG bug? 5. The sun breaks through the clouds for a moment on Clingman's Dome in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, the highest point in the Appalachian range, at 6,500 ft.



Ypsi Funkhana

We had 10 entrants and 16 Rowdies at this year's rally, and despite an early morning rain, the course was pretty fast. Bill Weakley took the honors with the fastest time in his MG Midget, and Mark Barnhart came in second with his Roadster, and Dave Goeddeke was third in his brother Mike's Coupe, all within 1 second of each other. Everyone had great fun zipping around the tight course, testing their and their car's agility.

Jon & Theresa Burchwell and Curt & Stephanie Smith were our hosts for the meet and they provided a really fun event and did all the work for us. Thanks to you for your efforts and also for prizes and T-shirts donated by Jon & Curt, Meguiar's products donated by Auto Value Center (10 N. Park St. Ypsi, 48198 ph. 734-482-2362), and T-shirt design & printing by Ypsilanti Regional Career Technical Center students.

Other Rowdies in attendance were Neil & Thelma Griffin, Doug & Ailene Butcher, Phil Wiltshire, Dave Quinn, Tom Lennon, Steve Holliday & Mike Goeddeke, all winners.



Top photo: Theresa Burchwell was the score keeper and course manager for the time keepers.

Center photo: Phil Wiltshire chats with Bill Weakley in the cafeteria before the time trials. Phil was recovering nicely from his hip operation this past Winter.

Bottom photo: Bill Weakley shows his winning form in the 120 degree turn in the middle of the course. The Midget may have a slight advantage over the MGA on the tight turns and short course.

Ypsi Funkhana, cont. Other events



1. The waiting cue at the Funkhana: Jon & Theresa Burchwell's yellow midget, Mike Goeddeke's silver coupe, Bill Weakley's red midget, Tom Lennons BRG MGB, Mark Barnhart's BRG and Curt Smith's red roadsters.

2. Neil Griffen gets his kicks bolting out of the starting gate. With these cars, the thrill never subsides. 3. Rowdie Brad Dryden (with clip board, center) chairs one of the Peachtree MG Club meets in the Atlanta area.

4. Gordie Bird is styling at the British Return to Fort Miegs car show in Ohio. He & Tracey took the Best in Class award with their finely detailed MK II. Congratulations!

Barnhart's Day in the Garage

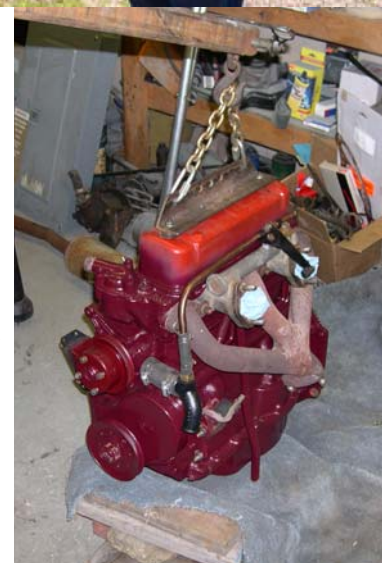
We had a great day and a great turnout for our Day in the Garage. The engine was installed into Pat's Coupe and after all the extras were bolted up the engine was fired up at about 3:30. We had 14 rowdies working in the garage while Thelma and Marjie supervised. We got call's from Rob Coté and Ohio ROWDIE Tom Ball, to offer encouragement. Several ROWDIES had cameras and will be sending photos and additional comments.

Those attending were:

Mark Barnhart, Pat Schwartz, Brian Beery, Steve Holliday, Gordie Bird, Neil & Thelma Griffin, Herb Maier, Bruce Nichols, Curt Smith, Jon Burchwel, Rich Pollion, Mike Moder, Larry Pittman, Tom Koch



Top left: Pat Schwartz and Jon Burchwell size up the rebuilt engine installation project for Pat's car while sampling some of Marji Barnhart's tasty baked goods.
Top right: Curt Smith tries to get some of Marji's cookie recipe secrets while sharing some of his recent grandfatherly experiences.
Left: Steve Holliday and Mike Moder get ready to work (by eating cookies) while Tom Koch moves up in the background.
Right: Pat's 'new' rebuilt engine.



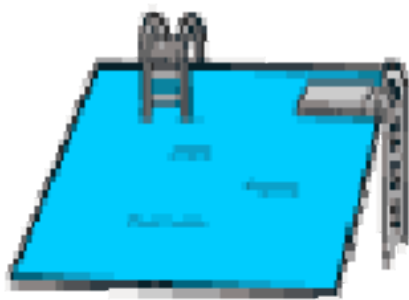
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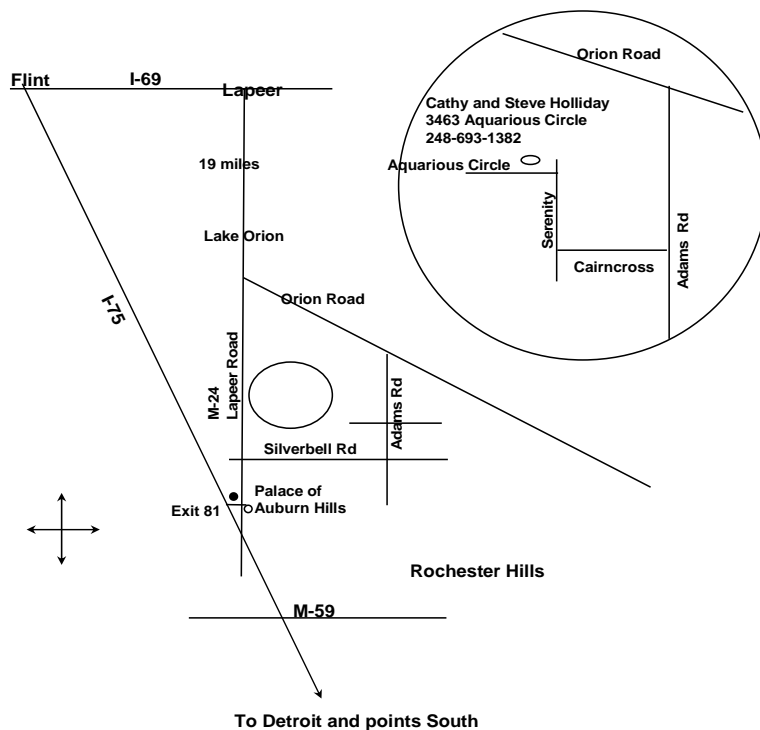
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More 'Day in the Garage' photos.

Top left: Old pros Bruce Nichols, Mark Barnhart & Steve Holliday survey the completed project at Barnhart's Day in the Garage.

Lower Left: The Rowdie gang plans their strategy for dropping the engine into Pat Schwartz' red coupe before getting their hands dirty.

Above Right: Rowdies were here!